

# Populism

It should now be clear that western populism is not, in the end, *about* very much.

Don't waste any more time rationalising it as a backlash against inequality, "neoliberalism" and other things that you yourself don't like. If tangible grievances once spurred this movement, they have since given way to tribal feeling as an end in itself.

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